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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

JUNE 2023

3337 Enderby Mabel Lake Road, Enderby BC V0E 1V5  
**www.kingfishercommunity.com is live!!**



I think it's safe to say summer has arrived in the valley, and the unusually warmer weather has been certainly enjoyable but also a bit concerning for the rapid degree of melt we've been experiencing. Water levels on the river are noticeably high and the last week of rain we've been hammered with hasn't helped any. But, sunshiney days are in the forecast again and I have a feeling it's going to be a good garden year...

The Mother's Day Breakfast was hosted this year by myself and my husband Luke, with the awesome support of Sydney Graham & Kahn Yong Gee. We were a bit short on volunteers, as the turnout unexpectedly doubled from last year's event (approximately 123 plates served!), so we definitely learned from that experience – it was a feat for sure, but a big thanks to all who participated in the kitchen and also the amazing individuals who recognized we needed some more hands on deck and rolled up their sleeves to get in there and help out – if you'd like to volunteer next year come talk to me!

Together we raised \$1020 for a struggling mom in our community from another generous cedar picnic table donated by Gerry Sanjenko (thanks Dad!) Overall, it was a huge success, and it gave us such joy to see everyone who came out to show their Mwom's AND their community some big love!

We are looking forward to the upcoming community events at the hall such as the Porch Party and our 67th Annual JUMBLE DANCE (WOO HOO!) and much more – stay tuned to the Facebook page for updates...

That's it for now – have a great June everyone!

Rhea  
kingfisherpromo@gmail.com



# 66th Annual JUMBLE DANCE

DONT MISS THE WEIRDEST, CRAZIEST, CROSS-DRESSIEST  
PARTY SINCE 1955

June 24, 2023

9PM - 2AM KINGFISHER Hall, Mabel Lake

tickets:  
\$20 advance  
\$25 door

LIVE BAND  
Petunia and the  
Vipers

CASH BAR  
midnight snack  
by donation

Tickets Sold at Tony O'S, Enderby

Must be 19+ Years of Age

## YEARS OF CRAZY HISTORY

Early 50s: the men out in the parking lot - drinking - because it was illegal to drink in the Hall. And the women, sitting around in the Hall with no one to dance with. Then, some women decided to dress as men so there would be someone to dance with. And I suppose the men didn't want to be left out.

The first Jumble Dance was in 1955 and has been going ever since. Many children in Kingfisher grew up watching their parents don outrageous get-up, heading out for a night of dance and fun. And 64 years in, many of those children populate the dance floor.

SEARCH FOR US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO





### KINGFISHER FARMERS' MARKET 2023

June 29 to August 30  
Every Wednesday from 11am – 1pm

Contact: Marniniles@telus.net  
put "Kingfisher Market" in the subject line.



**JUNE 5, Monday • 1pm • Kingfisher School**

\$25 (bring a container to take your goodies home)

Register Early, Capacity limited: 15-18 people

To Register Call Suzanne: 250.838.6248



Join Betty Gubler & others for Coffee Hour ... to discuss upcoming classes for ... Crocheting ~ and, how to read a pattern ~ as well as Paper Embroidery...

**JUNE 13, Tuesday • 1pm • Kingfisher School**

Further Inquires: Email editorkingfisher@gmail.com

Saturday, July 1 • 1- 3pm  
Kingfisher Community Hall  
3337 Mabel Lake Rd

# STRAWBERRY TEA

Fabulous \$2-a-chance Cake Walk

Quilt Raffle

Come and join the Kingfisher Country Quilts celebrate this time honoured event inspired by the Simard family.

**Adults \$10**  
**Children 8 & under Free**

Family Friendly Event!

2ND ANNUAL KINGFISHER COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

# YARD SALE

SATURDAY JULY 8TH, 2023  
9 AM - 12 NOON

KINGFISHER SCHOOL SITE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS/SPORTING GOODS/TOYS

WANT TO BE A VENDOR? TABLES ARE \$15  
RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY JUNE 15TH

PROCEEDS TO HELP MAINTAIN THE KINGFISHER RESOURCE CENTER (FORMERLY THE SCHOOL)

MABEL LAKE FARMS COFFEE SHOP OPEN

LIVE MUSIC BY 'RALF IRWIN'

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT KATHY AT: KATHPOSP@TELUSPLANET.NET 250-838-5532



## ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW AND SALE

What amazingly talented artists/artisans/craftspeople we have living in our wonderful community – phenomenal carvings and chairs, masterful hand-crafted knives, exquisite quilts, captivating paintings by three artists, humorous signs, unique jewelry, whimsical hats, delightful crafts, graceful pottery. The Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on May 13th had it all.

An estimated more than 150 people turned up.

Already there is a talk of a 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Show for next year. If you weren't able to show your work this year, please think ahead to 2024.

# MACKENZIE CAMP

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## MABEL RIDGE ESTATES FIRE WAGON

This unit is available for use by the community for a rapid response if a fire occurs with the conditions:

1. Anyone using it does so at their own risk
2. The unit must be returned in ready to go condition.

The fire trailer was built thanks to Brian Saunby, Chris Kassara, Doug Clayton, Jerry Leavitt, Russ Murray, Tod Dettling and Bob Petryk.



Fire trailer equipped with a 1200 litre tank, 7.5 hp pump, fire hoses and a fire extinguisher.

**Stored at 73 Walker Rd.**

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Library hours are 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM every Wednesday.**

Due to the generosity of our community the library is overflowing with books so we have come to the painful decision that we can no longer accept any book donations.

**We owe a huge thank-you to Betty Gubler for her hard work and valuable ideas organizing the library. She has been there every week, all winter, and I am looking forward to working with her over the busy summer.**

Submitted by Sherry Saunby

**KCS Memberships available for purchase**



## Kingfisher Country Quilters

**Would like to welcome all quilters and crafters to join us at the Kingfisher School, every Wednesday, to work on either a charity project or your own project.**

**10:00am - 4:00pm**

Coffee/Tea provided, bring your own lunch

**For more information contact:**

**Lisa Miner 250-838-7128**

**[lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com)**



## LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF SUMMER JOB?

**Great summer jobs, in great locations, are hard to find. Not anymore! Rivermouth Marina at Mabel Lake, B.C. is seeking fun, high-energy, customer-oriented employees for the positions below.**

**Part-time customer service / pump jockey** – if you are an upbeat, positive person this role is for you!

**Cook** - entrepreneurial, flexible and resourceful person, with a keen commitment to delighting the customer to ready and launch our new food trailer.

**Caretaker/yard worker** - that is self-motivated, reliable, and thorough; to maintain the Marina, boat launch and surrounding facilities, along with a couple of other sites.

**To apply, or for more information, visit [www.rivermouthmarina.com/careers](http://www.rivermouthmarina.com/careers) or call 250-838-6236.**

## Fuel Load Reduction/Emergency Preparedness

June 2023

Submitted by Herb Latchko

This article has been written on the 18th of May and hopefully the forecasted rain will materialize...

Hot dry weather; thunderstorms with little rain; and smoke in the valley brings back memories. This is a good time to talk and plan with your neighbours about how to deal with an emergency in your neighbourhood. Search: **Neighbourhood Preparedness Guide** for an easy-to-use downloadable template to assist in planning. There are some hard copy brochures circulating in the community with more on order.

The following was copied and pasted off the WildfireBC website:

***KAMLOOPS – Effective at 12 p.m. (noon) PDT on Thursday, May 18, 2023, Category 2 and Category 3 open fires, as well as other equipment and activities will be prohibited throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre.***

***This prohibition does not ban category 1 campfires that are a half-metre high by a high-metre wide or smaller and does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane, or briquettes. More information on the types of open burning is available online.***

***Also prohibited are the activities listed below (Wildfire Act, Section 12):***

***Fireworks***

***Sky lanterns***

***Binary exploding targets***

***Burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description.***

***Air curtain burners***

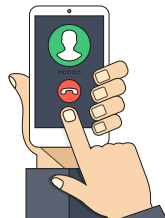
Although burning to reduce the fuel load is no longer allowed, removing any fine fuels near your home can make a huge difference in the event of embers drifting in from a nearby fire. The Kingfisher Transfer Station accepts small amounts of yard waste, but larger quantities are encouraged to go to Armstrong. Composting is also an option.

Thanks to everyone that have put out their Fire Barrels. The first of the over 40 barrels went out in 2016. The Regional District has chipped in half the cost of the barrels, buckets, and decals. Over the years, Keith Gray and Brad Clark have been putting out, filling, collecting, and storing the 8-10 community barrels. We are hoping that someone might be willing to help out and eventually take over these tasks. Also, Brad has developed the Fire Suppression Water Filling Station (non-potable water) near the Ball Park. He uses this Station to fill his tank and then fill the remote Community Fire Barrels. The Station is fairly easy to use and can be a real asset when water is needed for fire suppression. Brad is willing to show people how to use this simple gravity system he has created. If you would like a demonstration and or would like to help with the Fire Barrels, please call Brad at 250-838-6326...

**Watch the hills...Call 1-800-663-555 or \*5555 on a cell to report a fire...**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF THE NORTH  
OKANAGAN (RDNO)**

**For the Areas of: Ashton Creek, Grandview  
Bench, Grindrod, Kingfisher/Mabel Lake,  
Mara and Glenmary/ Twin lakes.**



**Allysa Hopkins,  
Regional Director**

Cell: 250 241 1581

Email: [Allysa.Hopkins@rdno.ca](mailto:Allysa.Hopkins@rdno.ca)

### COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Free to members. Limit of 50 words - no graphics.  
Please confirm information every six months.

## Clark Boyz

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Paid ads be limited to 1/4 page. Word Document only  
KCS members only

Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100)  
or 6 months or less for \$50

Payment **prior** to ad placement to be dropped off or mailed to:  
George Jameson  
2365 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby V0E 1V5  
Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society.

## BABY WELCOME FUND

The Kingfisher Community Society is pleased to  
announce the establishment of a Baby Welcome Fund.



This fund is made possible through a  
generous donation by local residents  
(who wish to remain anonymous).

The fund provides one-time financial  
support to parents of infants from  
Kingfisher.

Application forms are available from  
a Director. The family must reside in  
Kingfisher at the time of the birth.

MABEL LAKE

# Farms

33 Kingfisher Rd (250) 838-6248

- Very Berry Café
- Bed & Breakfast
- Camping
- Farm Fresh Goods
- Venue Hosting
- Excavation

# Father's Day BRUNCH

## SUN, JUNE 17

MABEL LAKE FARMS 10:00AM -2:00PM

**\$18** /person    **\$8 Kids 10 & Under**

Contact Megan call or text 250-540-2916



General Inquiries: [kingfisherpres@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisherpres@gmail.com)  
To get on the Directors' Meeting Agenda: [kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com)  
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### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

## FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

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IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address



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Email photos and news items to Robin:  
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Or call, 250-574-3572 | 250-838-5615

Deadline is the 20th of each month.  
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